

REMARKS

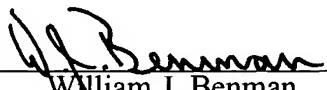
Claims 1 – 3, 8 – 11, 14, 15, 17 – 20, 25 – 28, 30, 31, 33, and 39 – 43 were presented for examination. In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner allowed Claims 1 – 3, 8 – 11, 14, 15, 17 – 20, 25 – 28, 30, 31, 33, 39 and 42. Claims 40 and 41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by S et al. ('866). Claim 43 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Leboe (2002/0175657).

By this paper, Claims 40 and 41 have been canceled.

Enclosed is an Affidavit Under Rule 1.131, which establishes the date of invention which predates the effective date of the Leboe reference. Accordingly, the Application should be in proper form for allowance.

Reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue are therefore respectfully requested.

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